

# CLAIMS

We Claim:

1. A verification system comprising:
  - a) a GPS circuit to generate signals representing a geographic location;
  - b) means for connecting the system to a network;
  - c) means for connecting the system to a local computer coupled to said network;
  - d) a keypad having a plurality of keys;
  - e) logic means for:
    - i) communicating with a remote host computer coupled to said network and with said local computer;
    - ii) receiving key sequence information from said remote host computer;
    - iii) determining if an attempt has been made to enter a key sequence using said keypad within a predetermined period of time, and if yes, sending said entered key sequence, a serial number and geographic information provided by said GPS circuit to said host computer.
2. A verification system comprising:
  - a) a GPS circuit to generate signals representing a geographic location;
  - b) means for connecting the system to a network;
  - c) means for connecting the system to a local computer coupled to said network;
  - d) a keypad having a plurality of keys, each key having a changeable color or symbol;
  - e) logic means for:
    - i) communicating with a remote host computer coupled to said network and with said local computer;
    - ii) receiving key sequence information from said remote host computer;
    - iii) after a key has been depressed, changing a color or symbol associated with each of said keys based on said received key sequence;
    - iv) determining if an attempt has been made to enter a key sequence using said keypad within a predetermined period of time, and if yes, sending said entered key

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sequence, a serial number and geographic information provided by said GPS circuit to said host computer.

3. A method for verifying location of a user comprising the steps of:

- a) communicating with a remote host computer coupled to a network and with a local computer coupled to said network;
- b) receiving key sequence information from said remote host computer;
- c) determining if an attempt has been made to enter a key sequence using a keypad within a predetermined period of time, and if yes, sending said entered key sequence, a serial number and geographic information provided by a GPS circuit to said host computer.

4. A method for verifying location of a user comprising the steps of:

- a) communicating with a remote host computer coupled to a network and with a local computer coupled to said network;
- b) receiving key sequence information from said remote host computer;
- c) after a key of a keypad has been depressed, changing a color or symbol associated with each key of said keypad based on said received key sequence;
- d) determining if an attempt has been made to enter a key sequence using said keypad within a predetermined period of time, and if yes, sending said entered key sequence, a serial number and geographic information provided by a GPS circuit to said host computer.

5. The system defined by Claim 1 wherein said GPS circuit operates to communicate with GPS satellites and generate a latitude and longitude of said GPS circuit using signals received from said satellites.

6. The system defined by Claim 1 wherein said means for connecting the system to a network comprises one of a serial port and a USB port.

7. The system defined by Claim 1 wherein said means for connecting the system to a local computer comprises one of a serial port and a USB port.

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1 8. The system defined by Claim 1 wherein each of said plurality of keys  
2 comprises at least one LED.

1 9. The system defined by Claim 1 wherein said logic means comprises a  
2 computer program executed by a processor.

1 10. The system defined by Claim 2 wherein said GPS circuit operates to  
2 communicate with GPS satellites and generate a latitude and longitude of said GPS circuit  
3 using signals received from said satellites.

1 11. The system defined by Claim 2 wherein said means for connecting the  
2 system to a network comprises one of a serial port and a USB port.

1 12. The system defined by Claim 2 wherein said means for connecting the  
2 system to a local computer comprises one of a serial port and a USB port.

1 13. The system defined by Claim 2 wherein each of said plurality of keys  
2 comprises at least one LED.

1 14. The system defined by Claim 2 wherein said logic means comprises a  
2 computer program executed by a processor.

1 15. The method defined by Claim 3 wherein if said determining step  
2 determines that said entered key sequence was not entered within said predetermined  
3 period of time, a message to that effect, said serial number and said geographic  
4 information provided by a GPS circuit are sent to said host computer.

1 16. The method defined by Claim 4 wherein if said determining step  
2 determines that said entered key sequence was not entered within said predetermined  
3 period of time, a message to that effect, said serial number and said geographic  
4 information provided by a GPS circuit are sent to said host computer.

1 17. A method for verifying location of a user comprising the steps of:

- 2 a) communicating with a remote computer coupled to a network and with a
- 3 verification system coupled to said remote computer;
- 4 b) receiving an assigned personal identification number entered by a user at
- 5 said remote computer and verifying the received personal identification number is valid;
- 6 c) if the received personal identification number is valid, transmitting key
- 7 sequence information to said remote computer for use by said remote computer and said
- 8 verification system;
- 9 d) receiving entered key sequence information, a serial number and
- 10 geographic information provided generated by said verification system;
- 11 e) validating the received key sequence information, serial number and
- 12 geographic information by comparing the received information with expected key
- 13 sequence information, serial number and geographic information;
- 14 f) accepting an entered wager if said received information is validated.

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